

REMARKS

The Examiner's careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. In response to the Restriction Requirement of August 6, 2004, Applicants elect the species set forth in Figure 1 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 with traversal. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-13, and 15-18 read on Figure 1 as included in the specification as originally filed.

The present invention relates to a portable heating pack comprising a supercorroding metallic alloy powder adapted to produce heat and gaseous hydrogen upon contacting a corroding liquid, means for consuming and/or storing the gaseous hydrogen in gaseous communication with the supercorroding metallic alloy powder, and means for contacting said supercorroding metallic alloy powder with a corroding liquid.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issuance.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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